

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICENATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Laclede County Jail

AND/OR COMMON

Laclede County Museum

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Adams and Third Streets

CITY, TOWN

Lebanon

VICINITY OF

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

#7 - Hon. Gene Taylor

STATE

Missouri

CODE

29

COUNTY

Laclede

CODE

105

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☒ PUBLIC☐ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☒ MUSEUM☐ PARK☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Laclede County

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Laclede County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Lebanon

VICINITY OF

STATE

Missouri 65536

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Recorder of Deeds

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Laclede County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Lebanon

STATE

Missouri 65536

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

1. The Lake of the Ozarks Preliminary Historical Survey

DATE

1978

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☒ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Lake of the Ozarks Council of Local Governments

CITY, TOWN

Canton

STATE

Missouri 65020

## **7** DESCRIPTION

### CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT

☐ GOOD

☒ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED

☐ RUINS

☐ UNEXPOSED

### CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED

☒ ALTERED

### CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE

☐ MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Laclede County Jail faces southwest from its setting on the southwest corner of the courthouse square in Lebanon, Missouri. The building is two stories, of brick construction resting on a rubble foundation, capped by a low pitched intersecting asphalt shingle hip roof, and is T-shaped. The south wing of the T is 20 X 41' and dates from 1876, while the north wing measuring 19 X 42' was added in 1913 as living quarters for the sheriff. This addition maintains continuity in form and material with the original portion of the building.

Although the shallow hip roof with projecting eaves and the tall slender segmentally arched windows suggests affinities with the Italianate style, the building has the basic simplicity of vernacular architecture.

Decorative elements are minimal and consist of corbelling in the frieze, regular division of the bays of the building by means of a slightly recessed wall surface divided by vertical pilasters. The double hung windows are all two-over-two light with segmental arches, of either one or two header courses, and cutstone (original wing) or brick (addition) lugsills painted white. The primary entrance door of the original wing reached by cutstone steps features a barred transom. Openings are covered with steel bars, capped with decorative spear points on the original wing, supplemented in places by wire mesh.

Inside, the original wing of the building contains one cell (for women) on the first floor, while the second floor is partitioned into steel cells which retain original cots and wood heating stove. The addition served as living quarters for the sheriff with porches and living and dining rooms on the first floor. Beneath the dining room is a 12' X 14' cellar. On the second floor are two bedrooms and a bath.

The building has received few major alterations since the wing added in 1913, except for the enclosing of the porches, construction of new ceilings and the addition of plumbing and electricity.

### SITE

The Laclede County Jail occupies the southwest corner of the Courthouse square. Also on the square, but not being nominated, are the Courthouse, a Depression Modern style building, an annex and a metal utility shed.

### PRESENT STATUS

Although the building is in need of repairs, it is structurally sound, and is maintained by the Laclede County Historical Society which uses the facility as a museum.

## 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES Jail - 1876  
Addition - 1913

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Builder - P.J. Pauly & Bro.  
Architect - W.P. Ingraham

### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Laclede County Jail is significant as one of the oldest buildings in the south central Missouri town of Lebanon, Missouri, for its associations with colorful incidents in the law enforcement history of Laclede County, and as a regional example of adaptive reuse.

Lebanon was incorporated in 1853 but because in 1869, the Frisco Railroad bypassed the town, it became necessary to abandon what the notable regional writer Harold Bell Wright described as a beautiful and well drained site, move the town a mile and stretch themselves out along "the mud flat on either side of the sacred right-of-way" (Shoemaker: pp. 1889-1890; Wright: p. 4; Gleason: p. 48).

Two prior jails had been located in the original town: the first of log construction was built in 1851 and burned in 1857, the second succumbed to flames during the Civil War. The erection of third jail, presently under consideration, awaited the resolution of a decade long controversy over whether or not to relocate the county seat in the new town or keep it in the old one. It took a clause in the new Missouri Constitution of 1875 to make the move possible, after which the next order of business became the construction of a new jail and accordingly the county ordered J. Pauly and his brother to build the third Laclede County Jail which was accomplished for the sum of \$4,000 and completed on September 6, 1876. (Gleason: p. 50; Nyberg: p. 92; History: p. 40; Records: September 6, 1876).

Subsequent to that time, the Jail was the scene of Laclede County's one and only public hanging on March 4, 1880 (Nyberg: p. 94), and of one other colorful crime containing the ingredients of which legends are spun: a murder, a daring escape, abetted by a young girl, of the murderer the day before his scheduled hanging, the birth of twins, subsequent recapture, retrial and acquittal, and an eventual sentence in the State Penitentiary for horse stealing (Nyberg: p. 92).

In 1955, Laclede County constructed a new Jail, and at this time the Laclede County Historical Society interceded to prevent the old Jail's demolition, and to provide it with a viable new function as a museum to house for all to view the mementos of Laclede County's interesting history.

## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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2. History of Laclede, Camden, Dallas, Webster, Wright, Texas, Pulaski, Phelps, and Dent Counties, Missouri. Chicago: Goodspeed Publishing Company, 1974.

## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .34 acres

QUADRANGLE NAME "Lebanon, Mo."

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24,000

UTM REFERENCES

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ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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### VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The Laclede County Jail is situated on the southwesterly 100 feet of Lots 9-11, Block 11 of the first Railroad Addition, a subdivision of the City of Lebanon, Laclede County, Mo.

### LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

1. Launa Jones, Historical Preservation Officer

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Lake of the Ozarks Council of Local Governments

February 27, 1979

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

P.O. Box 786

314/346-5616

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Camdenton

Missouri 65020

## 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL   

STATE   

LOCAL X

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE Director, Department of Natural Resources and  
State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST:

DATE

CHIEF OF REGISTRATION

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HERITAGE CONSERVATION AND RECREATION SERVICE

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LACLEDE COUNTY JAIL

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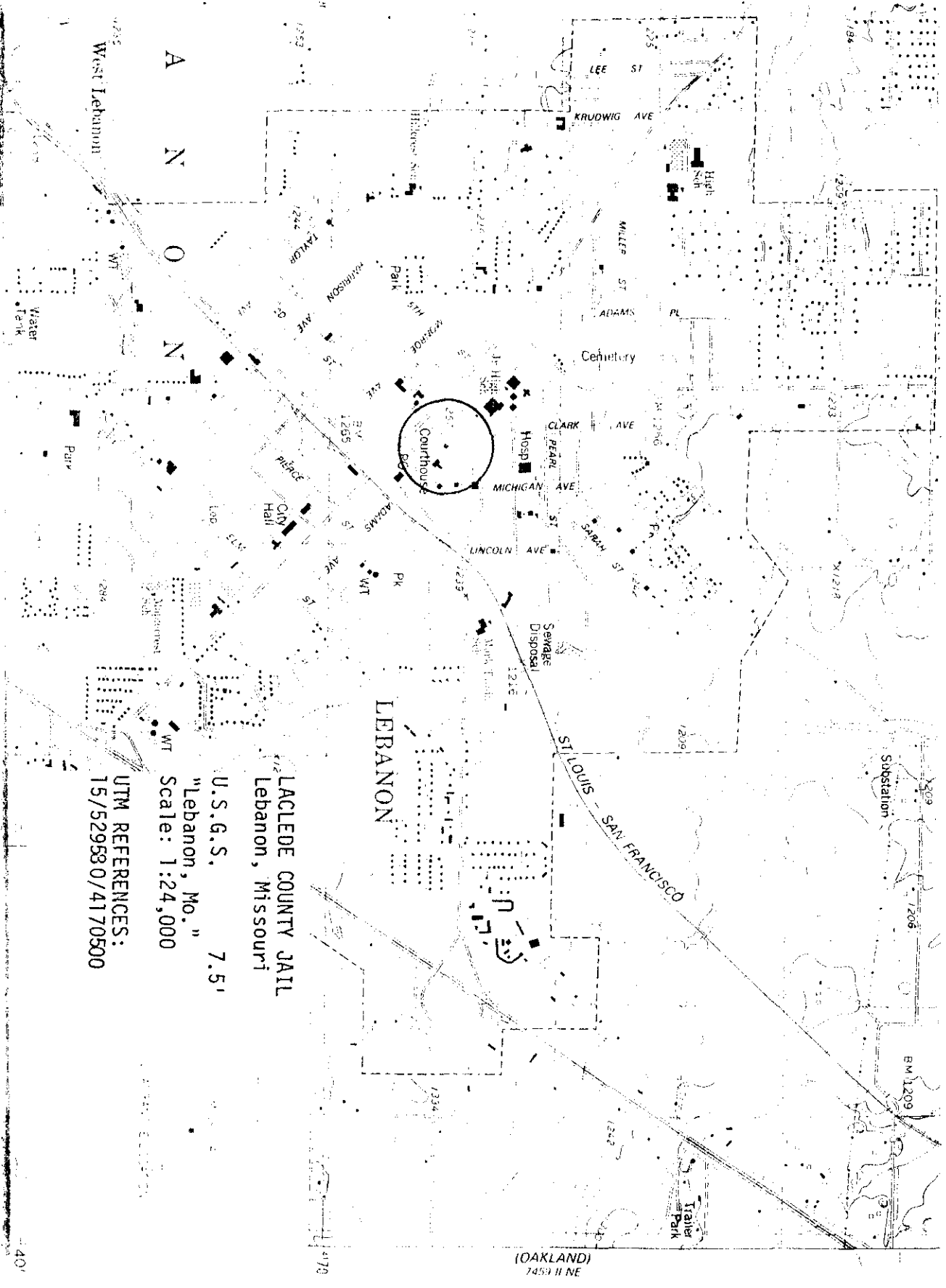
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Department of Natural Resources  
P.O. Box 176  
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

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3. Laclede County Court Record. Laclede County Courthouse, 1876-1913.
4. Hyberg, Leo. A History of Laclede County. Lebanon, Mo.: Rustic Printers, 1926.
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2. James M. Denny, Section Chief, Nominations-Survey  
and State Contact Person July 10, 1979  
Department of Natural Resources 314/751-4096  
Office of Historic Preservation  
P.O. Box 176 Missouri 65102  
Jefferson City



LACLEDE COUNTY JAIL  
Lebanon, Missouri

U.S.G.S. 7.5'

"Lebanon, Mo."

Scale: 1:24,000

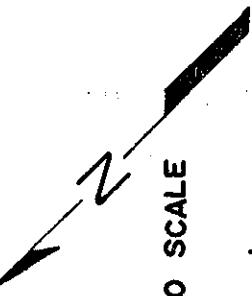
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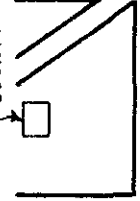
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LACLEDE COUNTY MUSEUM AND FORMER JAIL  
LEBANON, MISSOURI

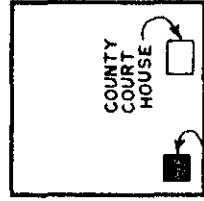


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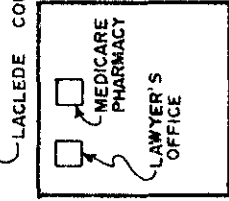


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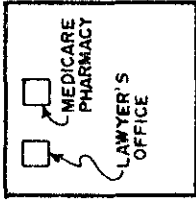


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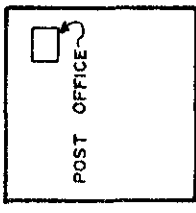
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LACLEDE COUNTY MUSEUM



MEDICARE PHARMACY  
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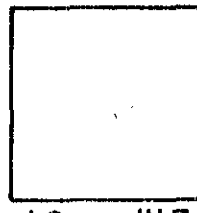
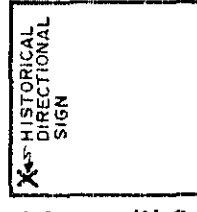
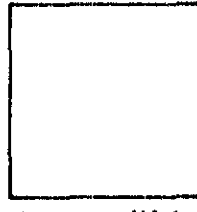
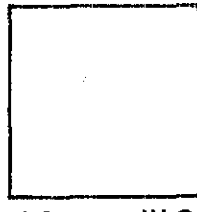
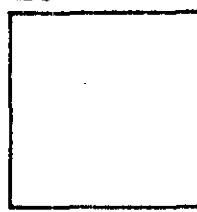
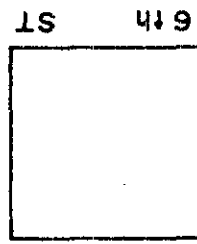
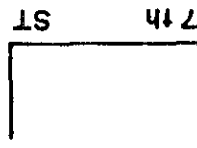
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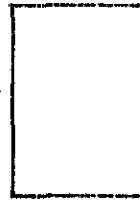
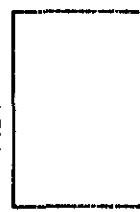
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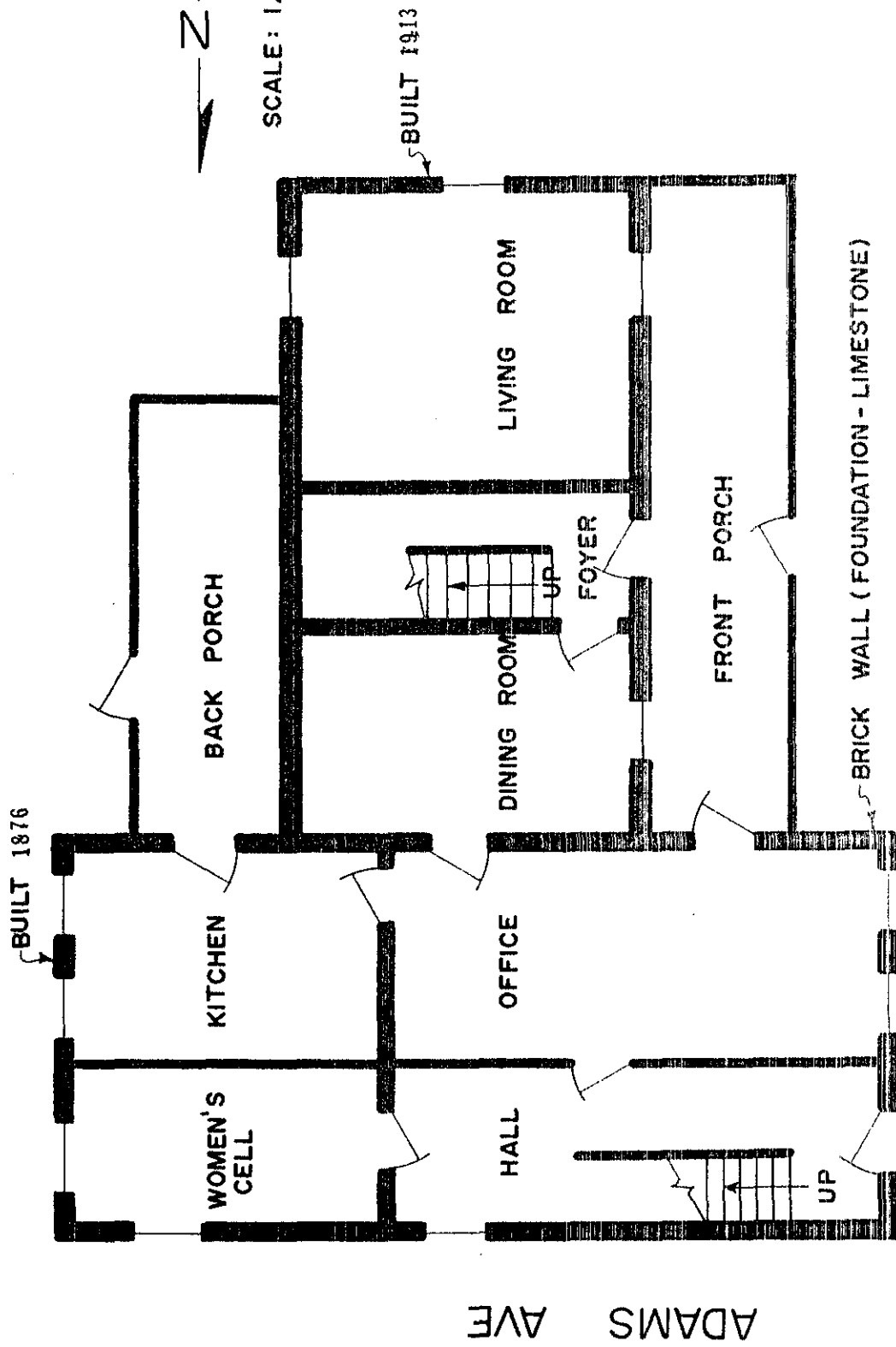
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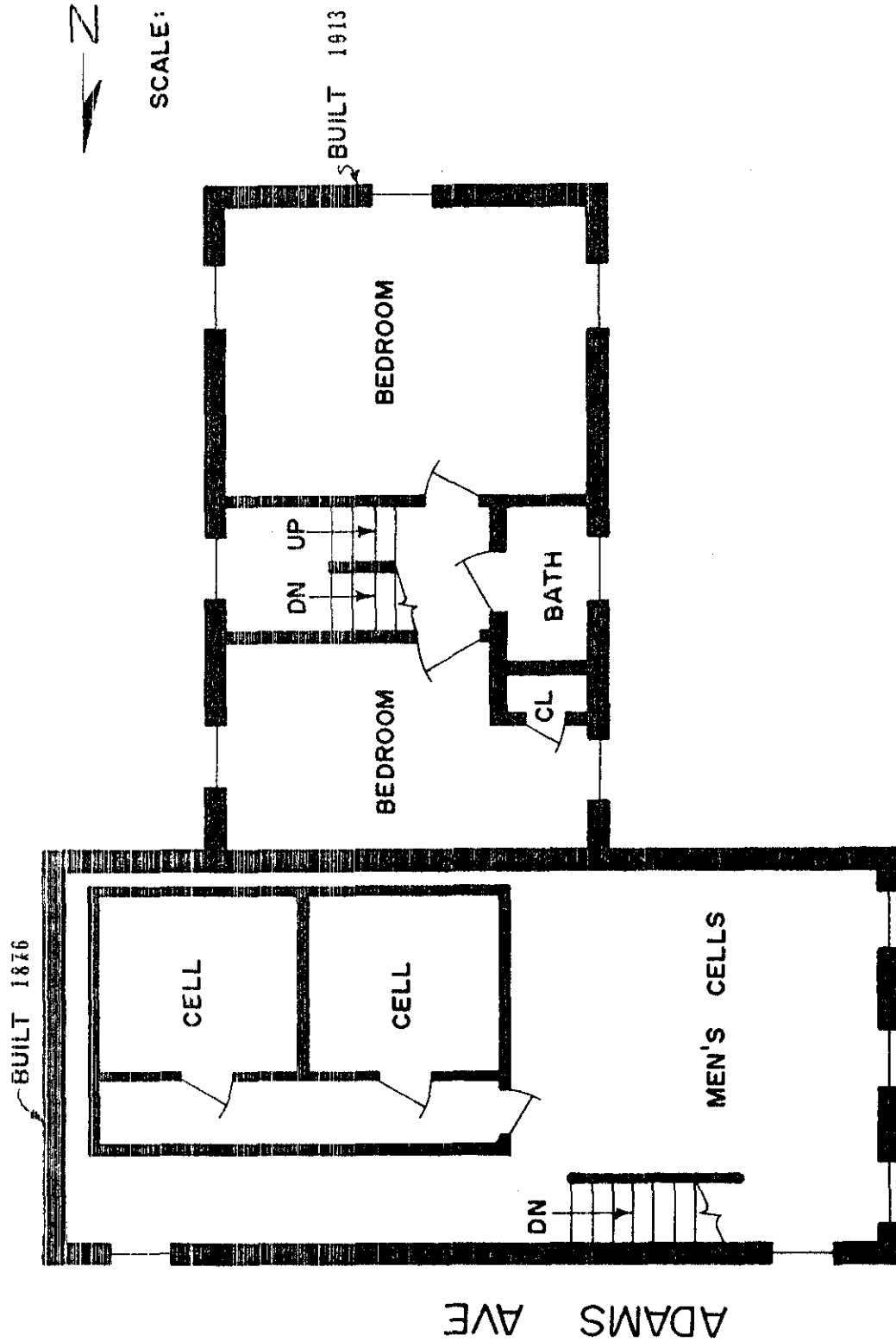
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FIRST FLOOR PLAN  
LACLEDE COUNTY MUSEUM AND FORMER JAIL  
LEBANON, MISSOURI



SECOND FLOOR PLAN  
LACLEDE COUNTY MUSEUM AND FORMER JAIL  
LEBANON, MISSOURI



LACLEDE COUNTY JAIL

COUNTY:

Laclede

LOCATION:

Lebanon

OWNER:  
ADDRESS:

Laclede County  
Laclede County Courthouse  
Lebanon, Mo.

DATE APPROVED BY A.C.:

7-20-79

DATE SENT TO D.C.:

1-23-80

DATE OF REC. IN D.C.:

1-29-80

DATE PLACED ON NATIONAL REGISTER:

March 27, 1980

DATE CERTIFICATE AWARDED  
(AND PRESENTOR):

DATE FILE REVIEWED:

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Lebanon, Missouri  
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North view of the building



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East view of the building



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South view



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Door leading into jail portion of the  
museum



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Stairs leading into cellar under  
kitchen



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Men's cells on second floor



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One of the original cots in the men's  
cell on second floor

